

# City of Burien, Washington

## Shoreline Advisory Committee

### Meeting #1 Summary

**March 12, 2008**

**4:00pm**

#### (1) ATTENDANCE

The committee introduced themselves and commented why they were interested in serving on the committee.

SAC Members present	Technical Staff Present	Interested Parties Present
Dan Bath Brian Bennett Jim Branson Cyrilla Cook Joe Fitzgobbon Bob Fritzen Victoria Hall Patrick Haugen Rebecca McInteer Emelie McNett Kim Otto Annie Phillips Scott Thomas Joe Weiss George Yocum	Gretchen Coker Mark Daniel Scott Greenberg Liz Ockwell Karen Stewart	Margi Berendzen Andy Kleitsch

David Johanson, AICP opened the meeting at 4:05pm and thanked members for volunteering to assist the City in updating it's shoreline master program. David provided a brief background on Burien's shoreline master program.

#### (2) SHORELINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE OPERATING GUIDELINES

1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair  
Chair: Andy Kleitsch  
Vice Chair: Patrick Haugen
2. Operating Guidelines
  - § The Committee reviewed Advisory Committee's responsibilities
  - § The Committee reviewed Ground Rules for work

#### (3) SHORELINE MANAGEMENT ACT AN OVERVIEW

1. Presentation by Bob Fritzen with the Washington State Department of Ecology outlining the Shoreline Master Program and Shoreline Management Act.

- § Presentation included policy provisions, shoreline jurisdiction, concepts, and challenges

#### **(4) PROJECT GOALS AND TIMELINES**

1. Overview by David Johanson, AICP of the Shoreline Master Program timeline and task schedule (schedule attached).
  - § Discussion included funding sources and other nearby jurisdictions who are currently updating their master program (Seattle), or will be within the next couple of years (Normandy Park).

#### **(5) PRELIMINARY SHORELINE INVENTORY INFORMATION**

1. Overview of Shoreline Inventory Information by Gretchen Coker with Grette Associates.
  - § Information provided included background from the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), inventory reaches along the Burien coastline, and general findings regarding Burien shorelines.
2. Questions/Answers:
  - § Are there any documented hazardous waters in the inventory? The Burien marine shoreline is Category 5 (polluted) for fecal coliform and Category 4c (impaired) for algal blooms. Nothing of significance found regarding Lake Burien.
  - § When the consultant doesn't have some information, can the committee members or the public bring in new information? Yes, this is encouraged.
  - § What properties will the Shoreline Master Program affect? Reviewed the jurisdiction of the Shoreline Management Act, which is 200-feet landward of the ordinary high water mark.

#### **(6) ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

1. Impacts of climate change
  - § Rise of sea level and how it affects our shorelines and adjacent development.
  - § Can Shoreline Master Program assist residents with the effects of climate change or provide incentives (ie. shoreline armoring)
2. Integrating the Growth Management Act (GMA) and the Shoreline Master Program (SMP)
  - § Pressure on ecology to reduce/eliminate development impacts on shorelines such as urban infill
3. The new SMP should protect the City of Burien from litigation
  - § Slides and liquefaction

- § Impacts of development
- 4. Salmon Creek Ravine open space
  - § Will Salmon Creek open space connect to the Puget Sound? What is the receptiveness to connect the open space to the Sound?
- 5. Septic Systems and their affect on the shoreline
- 6. Lake Burien
  - § Utility upgrades and their affect on the natural functions of the lake
- 7. Access to the beach – Physical and Visual
  - § Existing access is adequate through existing parks
  - § Gated communities prohibit access to some areas
  - § No public access to Lake Burien – why has it remained private?
  - § Public access along the Puget Sound leads people onto private property
  - § Available parking near access points
  - § Clearer signage identifying public access points needed
  - § Incentives to provide more access: use of conservation easements, tax breaks?
- 8. Developer/Resident issues with regulation of shorelines with the Shoreline Master Program
  - § Piers, docks, McMansions
- 9. How will the City repair/restore the shoreline
  - § Will the City do a good, quality job that will last?
  - § Opportunities at street ends?
- 10. Stewardship and Public Education
  - § Educate the community and their impact on the shoreline: armoring, hydrological connections, public access, community responsibilities.
  - § Shoreline Advisory Committee should educate them selves and use resources available to gain information on what is in Burien on the shoreline
  - § Input from the community – community pride
  - § Look ahead into the future

## **(7) HOMEWORK**

- 1. Review existing shoreline policies (provided)
  - § Think about a 20-year vision – your ideal shoreline in 20 years
- 2. Invite others to open house

## **(8) NEXT MEETING/PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE**

- 1. Next meeting is the open house on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at Gregory Heights Elementary from 6-8pm.

§ A mailing will be distributed to all property owners within 200 feet of the shorelines to notify them of the open house.

The meeting concluded at 6pm.